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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

In re Application of  
Rajasekhar Sistla  
Application No. 09/851,625  
Filed: May 8, 2001  
Attorney Docket No. 42390.P10212

ON PETITION

This is a decision in response to the petition, filed August 21, 2006, to revive the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

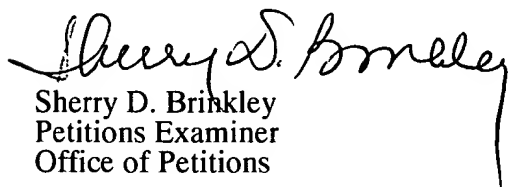
The application became abandoned for a failure to reply in a timely manner to an Office action mailed February 9, 2006. This decision precedes the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment. On August 21, 2006, the present petition was filed, along with an amendment and a 3-month petition for extension of time.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment; (2) the petition fee of \$1500.00; and (3) the requisite statement of unintentional delay.

Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136 are available only if asked for prior to or within the response period set by statute. In no case, however, may an applicant respond later than the maximum time period set by statute. The extension of time submitted August 21, 2006 was filed when the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 could no longer be used. Therefore, this application became abandoned when the unextended time for response had expired, i.e., May 10, 2006. Since no extension of time fees are due on a petition for revival, the extension fees submitted after abandonment are being credited to counsel's deposit account.

The application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2162 for consideration of the amendment filed August 21, 2006.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204. Inquiries relating to further prosecution should be directed to the Technology Center.

  
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